

REMARKS

Entry of new dependent claims 16-17 is respectfully requested pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.312. Claims 16-17 parallel claims of related issued patents (see, e.g., claims 2 and 19 of parent U.S. Patent No. 6,077,709, and claim 13 of U.S. Patent No. 6,335,194), and find support, e.g., at page 6, lines 2-3 and page 19, lines 15-20 of the present specification. Please charge any fees due as a large entity in connection with this amendment or otherwise due in this application to Marshall, Gerstein & Borun Deposit Account No. 13-2855. Applicant does not claim small entity status.

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